

Amendments to the Claims

Please replace the claims with the following:

1. (Currently amended) A pump plug for flowline operations, which pump plug comprises a resilient body and a flexible cage having a wear-resistant outer surface arranged around the resilient body; the flexible cage comprising a tube having a first end and a second end; the tube being provided with a repeating pattern of bars and longitudinal slits, wherein said slits are each closed at at least one end and prevent fluid from flowing along the resilient body while allowing said bars to displace into said resilient body; wherein the repeating pattern comprises two slits, a first slit that is closed at the first end of the tube and open at the second end and a second slit that is closed at the second end of the tube and open at the first end; wherein the first slit and the second slit overlap each other in longitudinal direction of the tube.
2. (Previously presented) The pump plug as claimed in claim 1, wherein the repeating pattern comprises a first, second and third slit, wherein the first slit is closed at both ends of the tube, wherein the third slit is aligned with the second slit, and wherein the second and third slit are open at opposite ends of the tube and closed in the middle of the tube.
3. (Previously presented) The pump plug as claimed in claim 2, wherein the repeating pattern is extended in axial direction with its mirror image.
4. (Previously presented) The pump plug as claimed in claim 1, wherein the resilient body comprises a rigid core and a mantle of resilient material fixed on the outer surface of the rigid core.
5. (New) The pump plug according to claim 1 wherein the repeating pattern comprises two slits, a first slit that is closed at the first end of the tube and open at the second end and a second slit that is closed at the second end of the tube and open at the first end, and wherein the first slit and the second slit overlap each other in longitudinal direction of the tube.